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1. HERewith FULL TEXT FLORA LEWIS FRONT PAGE BYLINER
NEW YORK TIMES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, HEADED "NATO BARS
REDS. BID TO BAN ATOM STRIKE/KISSINGER SAYS WEST MUST
KEEP THE OPTION OF FIRST USE."

2. BRUSSELS, DEC. 9 -- THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNTRIES AGREED TODAY TO REJECT A WAR-
SAW PACT PROPOSAL FOR A MUTUAL BAN ON THE FIRST USE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOR A FREEZE ON MEMBERSHIP IN THEIR
OPPOSING MILITARY ALLIANCES.

3. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, ADDRESSING
THE ALLIES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, SAID IT WOULD BE DAN-
GEROUS TO DRAW ANY CLEAR DISTINCTIONS BEFOREHAND ON
WHEN THE WEST MIGHT CHOOSE TO MOVE FROM CONVENTIONAL TO
NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE FACE OF AN ATTACK. THE SUBSTANCE
OF HIS REMARKS WAS PASSED ON TO REPORTERS BY DELEGATES.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER ANTHONY CROSLAND OF BRITAIN PUT THE
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REACTION EVEN MORE BLUNTLY, CALLING THE SOVIET-BACKED

PROPOSALS CHEAP PROPAGANDA TRICKS. HANS-DIETRICH

GENSCHER, THE WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER, SAID ALMOST THE SAME.

5. THE REJECTION OF A FREEZE ON MEMBERSHIP WAS DESIGNED TO HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR SPAIN, A REFLECTION OF HOW WEST EUROPEAN ATTITUDES HAVE CHANGED SINCE FRANCO'S DEATH. THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN ADVOCATING A CLOSER LINKAGE FOR YEARS, BUT THE EUROPEANS HAD REFUSED ANY INVOLVEMENT UNTIL SPAIN BECAME DEMOCRATIC.

6. PARTICIPANTS SAID THIS YEAR'S MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC NATIONS WAS ONE OF THE MOST HARMONIOUS IN A LONG TIME, WITH EVERYONE AGREED THAT GROWING SOVIET POWER MADE IT MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER TO UNIFY AND STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE.

7. THERE WAS, SAID ONE, A GREAT SIGH OF RELIEF WHEN MR. KISSINGER READ A MESSAGE FROM JIMMY CARTER PLEDGING THAT THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE SUSTAINED AND STRENGTHENED UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION.

8. MR. CARTER SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS AND VOICED THE CONVICTION THAT THE ALLIANCE WAS NO LESS IMPORTANT TODAY THAN WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR IN 1949.

9. ONE DELEGATE SAID MR. KISSINGER HAD ANALYZED THE NEED FOR THE WEST TO REMAIN BOTH STRONG AND CONCILIATORY IN DEALING WITH THE EAST. MR. GENSCHER OF WEST GERMANY SAID IN HIS SPEECH, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN, THAT MR. KISSINGER "HAS LEFT US NOT WITH A BEQUEST, BUT WITH A POLICY."

10. MR. KISSINGER TOOK CARE TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR BALANCE IN RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. IN THE LONG TERM, HE SAID, SOVIET POWER WILL KEEP GROWING AND THEREFORE THE WEST MUST NOT DISARM PSYCHOLOGICALLY BY PUTTING TOO MUCH FAITH IN DETENTE. BUT NEITHER SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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IT PARALYZE ITSELF WITH FEAR THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE BECOME OVERWHELMING, HE SAID.

11. ON THE SUBJECT OF RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD, THE OTHER MINISTERS SAID THE RUSSIANS SEEMED TO BE MAKING MORE FRIENDS THAN THE WEST, BUT WERE SENDING MOSTLY ARMS AND LITTLE ECONOMIC AID.

12. MR. CROSLAND, OF BRITAIN, CALLED THE SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO THIRD-WORLD DEVELOPMENT DEPLORABLE. ONLY

FOUR PERCENT OF ALL ECONOMIC AID COMES FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND ONE PERCENT FROM THE REST OF THE EAST BLOC, HE SAID.

13. THE BRITISH MINISTER CALLED FOR WESTERN CONSULTATIONS ON SUBSIDIZED CREDITS FOR TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AN OLD PROPOSAL THAT HAS STUMBLER BEFORE OVER WESTERN COMPETITION. IT IS IMPORTANT NOW, MR. CROSLAND SAID, TO PREVENT A TRANSFER OF RESOURCES TO MOSCOW THAT WOULD ENABLE IT TO PROMOTE ITS THIRD-WORLD OBJECTIVES AND COMPETE UNFAIRLY IN WESTERN MARKETS.

14. ON RHODESIA, MR. CROSLAND PRAISED MR. KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, BUT VOICED REGRET THAT THE ISSUE THERE SEEMED TO HAVE SHIFTED FROM NEGOTIATING A TRANSITION GOVERNMENT TO IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE. HE OFFERED NO GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM ON A SETTLEMENT.

15. DESPITE AGREEMENT ABOUT SOVIET MILITARY POWER, THE ISSUE NOW IS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE WESTERN NATIONS TO PAY WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR DEFENSE. THERE IS NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE, ONLY ON HOW TO FIND THE MONEY.

16. IN THIS CONNECTION, MILITARY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED LITTLE CONCERN THAT ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE RECENTLY JOINED THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE. THIS IS A NONOPERATIONAL GROUP IN WHICH DEFENSE COORDINATION IS DISCUSSED AMONG BRITAIN AND THE SIX ORIGINAL

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GINAL COMMON MARKET MEMBERS. IT RECEIVES FEW CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS AND THOSE DEAL MAINLY WITH ASSESSMENTS OF THE SOVIET THREAT. END TEXT.
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